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Freshmen Roland Nyama, far left, and Tyrell Sturdivant, far right, react in despair as Ryan Burnett, center, falls to the floor after Stony Brook endured a heartbreaking 51-50 loss to Albany in the America East Championship Game in the Capital District.

## SUNY's attorney files request for pre-motion conference, looks to dismiss lawsuit complaint

By Arielle Martinez  
Assistant News Editor

The attorney representing the State University of New York in the Sarah Tubbs lawsuit has filed a request for a pre-motion conference—a request that states Tubbs's complaint should be dismissed.

State Assistant Attorney General Mark Klein filed the request on March 12.

Judge Nelson Roman of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, approved the request for the conference, which is scheduled for March 25.

In a pre-motion conference, the judge and lawyers in a civil lawsuit discuss what motion a party plans to file and the opposing party's response to the motion.

Klein's request also states that because Stony Brook University is not a "legally-cognizable entity separate from SUNY," SUNY

has taken Stony Brook University's place as the defendant in the lawsuit.

Tubbs filed a lawsuit against Stony Brook University on Jan. 23, 2015 for "deliberate indifference" regarding the manner in which the administration allegedly handled her complaint of sexual assault under Title IX.

Title IX is the federal clause that prohibits discrimination based on sex at any federally-funded educational institution.

"The University is unable to comment on specific litigation, as Federal privacy laws prohibit us from disclosing student information," SBU Media Relations Officer Lauren Sheprow said in an email. "The court will have the opportunity to consider the full record, including information we cannot immediately share publicly."

*The Statesman* is publishing Tubbs's name with her expressed permission to do so.

Klein's request cites the stan-

dard for student-on-student harassment set by the 2013 lawsuit *KF v. Monroe Woodbury Central School District*.

Judge Edgardo Ramos, also a judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, presided over the *KF* lawsuit.

Sussman & Watkins, the law firm that is representing Tubbs, also represented the plaintiffs in the *KF* lawsuit.

The court's opinion in the *KF* lawsuit states that "Title IX funding recipients may be held liable for student-on-student harassment if the plaintiff can establish damages only where the school district: (1) was deliberately indifferent; (2) to sexual harassment; (3) of which it had actual knowledge; (4) that was so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it deprived the victim of access to the educational opportunity

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## SUNY Board of Trustees approves new Stony Brook Doctor of Pharmacy degree

By Arielle Martinez  
Assistant News Editor

The State University of New York Board of Trustees approved the creation of a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Stony Brook University on March 11, opening the path for Stony Brook to open a new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The school will be the first school of pharmacy on Long Island. However, the Doctor of Pharmacy degree still needs the approval of the New York State Board of Regents.

"The Pharm.D. program at Stony Brook Medicine will provide a unique training experience for aspiring leaders in pharmacy," said Dr. Kenneth Kaushansky, the senior vice president of health sciences at Stony Brook, at the board's Academic Affairs Committee on March 10.

Kaushansky said that the school's mission will be "to train high achieving students with diverse backgrounds, both in the basic science and practice of pharmacy, and by example and innovative coursework, stimulate our students to specialize, so as to operate at the top of

the license' in rewarding careers in academic and hospital specialty pharmacy, population medication management and in the pharmaceutical sciences and industry."

The School of Pharmacy will join the other health science schools under the Stony Brook Medicine banner: the School of Medicine, the School of Dental Medicine, the School of Health Technology and Management, the School of Nursing and the School of Social Welfare.

Stony Brook University Hospital, a 603-bed teaching hospital, will provide an academic clinical training site for the school. The hospital has 72 pharmacists, 15 of whom will serve as clinical faculty for the school.

"With the Stony Brook focus on population health and our Schools of Medicine, Health Technology and a program in public health, it is perfectly logical for us to focus on training pharmacists to play an important role in care management," Kaushansky said.

Edmund Hayes, the assistant director of the Stony Brook University

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## Speeding tickets issued by UPD almost triple in one year

By Joseph Konig  
Staff Writer

Speeding tickets issued by University Police in 2014 increased by 290 percent compared to 2013, according to Chief of Police Robert J. Lenahan and the Office of the Vice President of Administration. The increase to 147 tickets coincided with last spring's reduction of the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph along Nicolls Road between South Entrance and Route 25A.

"The University Police Department was highly focused on speed enforcement last year," Lenahan, who is also the assistant vice president of Campus Safety, said in an email on Monday, emphasizing that UPD maintains a wide range of focuses and will "remain committed to enforcing life, safety, [and] traffic violations." He noted that University Police do not have ticket quotas or production goals—the former is illegal in New York State.

Lenahan also confirmed the 290 percent increase between 2013 and 2014. The numbers had been initially reported as 150 tickets and a 297 percent increase in the minutes of a March 2 University Senate meeting.

Stony Brook University an-

nounced the speed limit change on April 29, 2014 as the result of the combined effort of Stony Brook administration, UPD and Suffolk County officials, according to initial reports by *The Statesman*.

"Stony Brook University requested a review of the 55 MPH speed limit based on a history of vehicle accidents," Lenahan wrote on Monday. In the email and in an interview with *The Statesman* last May, Lenahan cited the multiple fatalities that had occurred along Nicolls Road in recent years involving both pedestrians and motorists.

In 2011, Seong Hoon Baek, 21, a Stony Brook senior at the time, died after being hit by a truck while cycling on Nicolls Road according to media reports. The year prior, Shubo Lin, 20, a transfer student from China Medical University enrolled in the Intensive English Program, died after being hit by multiple vehicles while attempting to cross Nicolls Road on foot.

On July 26 of last year, after the speed limit change, a motorcyclist died after losing control of his vehicle and colliding with a cable along the center median between the Main and South Entrances of campus.

"I think we have made this roadway safer," Lenahan said. In support of this claim, he cited the decreased speed limit and recent efforts by the University to educate motorists on the dangers of speeding, as well as the newly-purchased Variable Message Sign that was placed on Nicolls Road to remind drivers of their current speed.

On the subject of safe travel back and forth between West and East Campus, Lenahan "would stress the use of the University's Transportation system [or] using the underpass to travel between" the two campuses. He discouraged pedestrians from trying to cross Nicolls Road itself.

"The University has engaged in an aggressive traffic and pedestrian safety campaign," Lenahan added.

The "Serious About Safety" campaign, created in April of 2012 as part of a safety initiative launched by Stony Brook President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. after the death of Baek, urges pedestrians to be attentive and wear reflective clothing while asking motorists to yield to pedestrians whenever possible. The campaign also encourages both parties to not use "personal electronic devices so that they can be more aware of their surroundings."

## Commuter Student Services takes on off-campus housing concerns both from students and community

By Kelly Zegers  
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to quell off-campus issues among students, landlords and the community, Stony Brook University's Commuter Student Services officially took over the Off-Campus Living and Off-Campus Housing offices in February 2014, redefining the office and significantly expanding its demographic.

The office tracks inquiries from students regarding off-campus housing, which have increased as the new structure now includes commuter graduate students in addition to undergraduates.

This raised the number of potential students sending in inquiries from approximately 6,500 to 15,000, according to Emily Resnick, assistant director of Commuter Student Services and Off-Campus Living.

"We've seen our inquiry levels triple over, in this year alone up until this point...what we did last year for the entire year," she said. "If numbers speak loudest, that's one to shout from the rooftops."

The transition began unofficially in the summer of 2013 and came as a result of restructuring within the Faculty Student Association—which formerly managed off-campus housing listings—and talks with departments such as Community Relations, Campus Residences and Community Standards to determine how to educate students about their rights and responsibilities in off-campus living.

It was also, in part, the result of ongoing off-campus living issues between the residential community, students and landlords who rent spaces without Town of Brookhaven permits and do not comply with town housing codes.

Commuter Student Services and Off-Campus Living deals directly with students and works closely with Community Relations, which connects with the residents, Resnick said.

"The Community Relations Office has been engaged in this issue for the past four years and has had a continual and productive dialogue with many stakeholders in the community to assure our students are able to find safe and affordable off campus housing," Elaine Crosson, the university's vice president for government and community relations, wrote in an email.

A major challenge the office saw in the transition in terms of off-campus housing is that there are a limited number of legal listings available because landlords are required to provide a Town permit, Resnick said.

"I feel strongly that that's the right way to go," she said of obtaining a permit. "However, with that said, there are many people who rent without a permit and do so therefore illegally."

While not having a permit does not mean that a dwelling is unsafe, it opens up the possibility of



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Emily Resnick, above, is the assistant director of Commuter Student Services and Off-Campus Living.

danger, Resnick said.

Students go to the office with issues such as living in homes that are over capacity according to Town codes, sometimes having makeshift rooms.

For accessory apartments, landlords must live in the home and "In no event may there be more than one bedroom per accessory apartment," the Town of Brookhaven accessory apartment code states.

The office held its second "Lease, Landlords and You" last November, a workshop for students to learn how to go about renting legally and avoid being misled by landlords.

There, some students voiced their concerns regarding their landlords.

"I'm a medical student living off-campus and I'm having issues with my landlord who essentially is taking advantage of us little by little," Sanida Lukovic, a first-year medical student, said after the workshop. "We have a huge security deposit down and I'm concerned that his behavior so far will sort of lead to him trying to keep the deposit when we leave."

Jhon Restrepo, a junior economics major who attended the workshop said his landlord would not allow him to take picture of the basement apartment he moved into.

Phil Solages, the Graduate Student Organization attorney, spoke at the event and said that it is illegal on Long Island to have habitable space in a basement.

"So the reason he didn't want you to do that is you were living in an illegal dwelling," Solages told Restrepo.

"I do generally focus on scenarios in which the student's being taken advantage of by a landlord or if they're not in a safe environment or if they just have questions," Resnick said. "It's not always the scariest scenario."

The new off-campus living structure inherited issue that Stony Brook Concerned



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The speed limit was lowered from 55 mph to 45 mph last year on Nicolls Road near the entrances to Stony Brook University's campus to ensure pedestrian safety.

## SUNY vote opens way for SBU pharmacy school

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Hospital Pharmacy and the director of the Pharmacy Residency Program, has been appointed the School of Pharmacy's interim dean, according to a university press release.

The School of Pharmacy will be very selective, enrolling a class of only 75 students per year, Kaushansky said.

Students will be able to pursue dual degrees such as Pharm.D./MBA, Pharm.D./MPH, Pharm.D./M.D. and Pharm.D./Ph.D.

The School of Pharmacy will meet the educational requirements from Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and state licensure requirements.

The school will also offer electives in basic drug development, drug delivery, oncology, diabetes management and more, Kaushansky said.

The Board of Trustees also approved a new Doctor of Pharmacy degree for Binghamton University at the March 11 meeting.

Trustee Ronald Ehrenberg, the chairman of the board's Academic Affairs Committee, said the pro-

posals for the new degrees "received positive recommendations for the [SUNY] provost office, noting that one, they met local needs; two, they align with the campus mission; and three, they were the result of careful and strategic planning."



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Stony Brook University Hospital, above, will serve as an academic clinical training site for pharmacy students.

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# Personal safety system SB Guardian upgraded to downloadable application

By Rachel Siford  
Staff Writer

The new SB Guardian App is now available for all Stony Brook students, showcasing new personal safety features to keep students connected with people they trust.

The app is free for iPhones and Androids. This is the first downloadable app for safety available to Stony Brook University students. Previously, students were able to sign up for Guardian alerts via email and text message.

The University Police Department recently announced this new app in its September 2014 newsletter.

"The registration used to be cumbersome," Assistant to the Director of University Police Jason Casale said.

Casale said according to a report, about 600 students have downloaded the app. Besides sending out an email to the campus community a few weeks ago, UPD has not done anything yet to raise awareness of the new app, mainly because of the cold weather. UPD plans on increasing its presence in the Academic Mall once the weather gets nicer to promote the new app.

After downloading the app,

the user is asked to enter their school email address. After filling out some quick information, picking a username and password and confirming that email address, the Guardian app is ready to go.

"Now that we put it in app form, students have accessibility to have all these features all in one app," Casale said.

SB Guardian lets students pick "guardians," or trusted individuals, to add to the app. Students can message them and alerts can be sent to them in an emergency.

"The Guardians feature is a great benefit of the app," Casale said. "It depends on the person. It can be a roommate or anyone else you trust."

The app allows the user to set a safety timer. This lets the students share their status and location to select people, intended to be used when they are walking home alone or meeting with someone they do not know. Their Guardians will be notified if their timer expires.

According to the Emergency Management website, if the user does not deactivate their timer when they arrive safely, University Police will be called.

If the timer is deactivated when the student arrives safely,

the University Police Department will not receive a notification that a timer was ever set. Users can also add a voice message that will be sent to UPD if their time elapses.

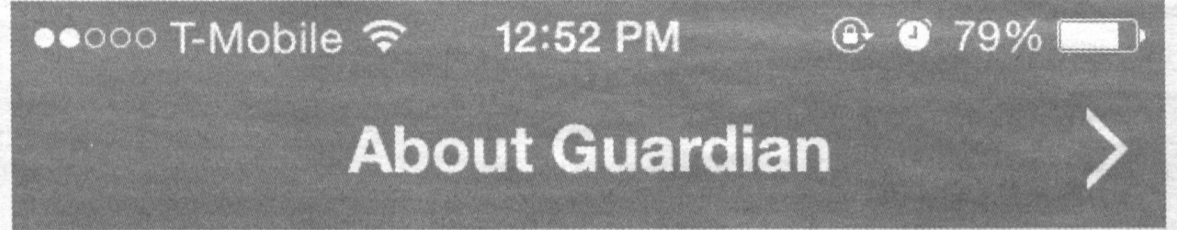
The Emergency Management website also states that in the event that a user is forced to deactivate their timer, Guardian

has a false deactivation code that will automatically send a panic alert to the police. The code is one, number higher than the student's pin. It will appear to turn off normally.

SB Guardian also lets users make emergency calls and send text tips. They can call 911 within the app itself or send

text or picture message tips if they see something suspicious. SB Guardian also allows students to call University Police directly from the app with just a click of a button.

"You can talk to each other and give reassurance to someone that you will look out for them when they go out," Casale said.



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**The new SB Guardian app allows students to alert their own contacts to alert in case of an emergency. This feature is exclusive to the app and allows for personalization.**

## DoIT helps solve Dowling's Wi-Fi problem

By Kelly Saberi  
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook's Division of Information Technology will be working with the IT department of Dowling College to fix network issues at the Brookhaven Residential Village of Dowling's campus over spring break.

Since the fall semester, Stony Brook's DoIT team has been aiding Dowling in fixing the network issues at the Brookhaven Residential Village, or BRV, even though it is not Stony Brook's facility.

The overall throughput speed was first increased from 25 Mbps (megabits per second) to 100 Mbps, the maximum speed possible.

SBU DoIT found that the connection of 100 Mbps from Oakdale, the main Dowling campus, to Brookhaven is insufficient.

Lightpath, a subsidiary of Cablevision, manages the link between the two campuses, Brookhaven and Oakdale.

Brookhaven Residential Village was acquired from Dowling College for use the first time this academic year.

Approximately 200 Stony Brook students call the gated facility their home.

The student body here is made up of transfer students who are guaranteed housing on the main campus during the next academic year.

Students take a bus back and forth to get to class 20 miles away from where they live in Shirley.

The Internet is a basic necessity for students and as all the denizens of Brookhaven Residential Village get off the last bus of the day, connection problems occur.

Brookhaven is over 15 miles



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### A bus takes transfer students from a Stony Brook bus stop to Brookhaven Residential Village at Dowling College.

away from Dowling's main Oakdale campus, but it is still under the same Wi-Fi network as the Dowling campus.

With everyone on the Internet at once, the network becomes saturated during peak hours.

When students are plugged in with ethernet cables, they do not have issues with the network.

Additionally, during the day when most students are normally at Stony Brook's campus, there are no Wi-Fi issues.

But as the assistant director of Campus Residences Henry Joseph put it, when everybody is on the network, the connection issues are almost like gridlock traffic.

Like during rush hour, everyone is leaving at the same time and trying to go to the same place.

"It's really hard to get your information back and forth because you're all colliding with each other," Joseph said. "The more you collide with each other the longer it takes to get your packet back."

Similar to a traffic accident, in the digital world it takes longer

for those collisions to clear up and create a path for information to move freely.

Like drivers honking their horns, students hit refresh in an attempt to see faster results, but this actually makes the connection worse.

By doubling the connection speeds from 100 Mbps to 200 Mbps, the lanes are essentially widened, giving people more room to navigate the Internet.

"You're not going to be going 60, 70 miles an hour, but at least you're not stuck," Joseph said.

In the meantime, students were given suggestions to help get their homework done, such as using the SINC sites while at Stony Brook and the computer labs back at the Brookhaven dorms.

"A lot of people say that we should just get work done on campus, but realistically you would like to get work done in your room," China Bailey, junior health sciences major and resident of Brookhaven Residential Village, said.

## SUNY looks to dismiss alumna's lawsuit against university

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or 10 benefits provided by the school."

The opinion for the KF lawsuit cites the 1999 lawsuit Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education, the opinion for which states that deliberate indifference must "at a minimum, cause students to undergo harassment or make them liable or vulnerable to it."

"Accordingly, even accepting as true plaintiff's [Tubbs's] allegations that SUNY's response to plaintiff's [Tubbs's] claims was deficient, plaintiff's [Tubbs's] allegations nonetheless fail to support any assertion that SUNY effectively caused plaintiff to encounter discrimination," Klein's request states.

According to Tubbs's lawsuit complaint, she reported her alleged sexual assault to Stony Brook's Office of University Community Standards, which scheduled the disciplinary hearing during her final exams, less than a week before her graduation ceremony in the spring of 2014.

Tubbs was allegedly informed "she would be responsible for prosecuting her case" during the hearing.

Both Tubbs's complaint and her alleged assailant's counterclaim state that Tubbs and the alleged assailant were separated by a paper screen during the hearing.

"Despite the presence of the screen, nothing could address the trauma of having to question, and be questioned by, this

man," Tubbs's complaint states.

On May 22, 2014, the day of her first graduation ceremony, Tubbs was informed the alleged assailant was found not responsible.

After receiving the written basis for the hearing panel's decision, dated July 9, 2014, Tubbs filed an appeal.

In a letter dated Aug. 28, 2014, Director of Campus Recreation Jay Souza allegedly advised her that after reviewing the case, he "found no evidence that the Hearing Board considered the definition of consent found in the University Code of Conduct and/or applied that definition to the facts of this case" and that the finding "constitutes a significant procedural error warranting the granting of your appeal."

Tubbs's complaint states she was notified she would be contacted by the Office of University Community Standards with the next steps in the process, but no university official provided any "substantive response" or further steps.

Tubbs' lawyer, Amy Attias of Sussman and Watkins, said in a meeting with media representatives that on March 6, 2015, Tubbs received an email from Stony Brook University's Director of the Office of Community Standards Matty Orlich stating that the appeal was found against Tubbs. Orlich's email allegedly stated that despite the findings of Souza, who was the appellate officer for Tubbs's case, the hearing board did take into account the definition of consent and intoxication.

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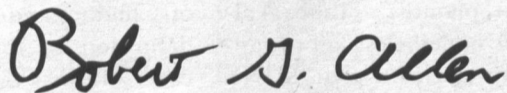
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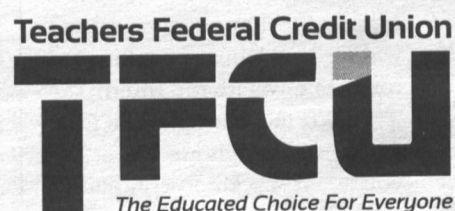
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# Stony Brook study: Nassau sewage plants hit hardest by Sandy

By Julia Marsigliano  
Contributing Writer

Hurricane Sandy, otherwise known as "Superstorm Sandy," engulfed the east coast of New Jersey and New York in late October of 2013. It is the second deadliest hurricane in U.S. history, and the areas affected by the storm are still suffering from the consequences.

Dr. R. Lawrence Swanson, associate dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University, led an investigation that examined the different waste infrastructures affected by Hurricane Sandy with three hand-picked members of the SoMAS community: Robert Wilson, Ph.D.; Bruce Brownawell, Ph.D.; and graduate student Kaitlin Willig.

The investigation was a joint effort called Resiliency Institute for Storms and Emergencies and included members from New York University, Cornell College and the City University of New York. Each college focused on different areas damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

The purpose of the investigation was to access all the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, as well as facilities that could be vulnerable in the future, in Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

"Nassau County has the most amount of damage because that's where the greatest storm surge was," Swanson said. "It was worse around the Long Beach area."

Swanson explained that figur-

ing out the extent of damage to the environment due to the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant in East Rockaway was "the bulk of the work."

The Bay Park plant is the largest facility that handles sewage in Nassau County, processing 50 million gallons per day.

Bay Park has a low elevation, and due to the severity of Superstorm Sandy, the sewage pipes that lead up to the plant were completely submerged underwater, which resulted in almost twice the amount of discharge of minerals and sediments, such as nitrogen, into Reynolds Channel.

The facility was shut down for two and a half days following Superstorm Sandy.

"After the plant came back online, it was so badly damaged that it couldn't pump normal sewage," Swanson said. "The pumps were not strong enough."

When Bay Park reopened, the facility was processing 100 million gallons of sewage per day.

The sewage was transferred to the smaller plant Island Park, located several miles away from Bay Park.

"It took about a month and a half to get the Bay Park plant functioning," Swanson said.

Back in 2011, Swanson surveyed the Bay Park plant with two of his colleagues and concluded that there were problems with the plant.

They made a recommendation to local and state officials urg-

ing them to move the location of the sewage system in Bay Park to the ocean.

The Bay Park plant has been in that location since the 50s.

"[The original builders] could not have picked a worse place to put a sewage outfall," Swanson said.

Swanson and his colleagues, who also worked on the RISE investigation a few years later, said that the total max daily load had exponentially increased and was posing a threat to the surrounding areas.

"New York State government determines who will do the TMD calculation," Swanson said. "The entire process could take three to four years after the report is initially done."

"It could take five to ten years to complete the job,"

Swanson said.

The Bay Park plant poses a danger to local fisheries, endangered species and the water quality on Long Island and Jones Beach.

"The scope of the problem becomes that much greater," Swanson said. "Before we can move forward, we need to know what it [moving the plant] is going to do to marine resources, such as Surf Clan, one of the largest remaining fisheries in New York State."

"You have to understand the potential ecological damage," Swanson said.

When asked about what Stony Brook students and the community can do to help expedite this process, Swanson said, "The public should play a very active role to let officials know what their feelings are....If you live there, write to your public official."



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A police vehicle drives through Franklin D. Roosevelt East River Drive on Oct. 30, 2012 after Superstorm Sandy.

## SBU addresses students' off-campus living frustrations

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Homeowners, Ltd., a nonprofit organization formed by residents near the university, Bruce Sander and Anthony DeRosa, wanted addressed.

This included their frustration with "unscrupulous landlords in their neighborhood illegally renting homes to unsuspecting Stony Brook University students," according to the group's website.

Sander met with university officials in February and was notified of the changes within the school.

He said there is still a problem of university employees being the owners of homes that rent to eight to 10 students, while the legal town limit for non-related tenants is four.

"They alerted us of all the changes that they're making and we applaud them," he said. "We also still reinforce the fact their own employees, their own professors, need to obey the laws and that is our biggest beef with it all."

"The thing is it's anyone's right including a community member, a neighbor to report something to the town that appears to be illegal or unsafe, and then from there, a formal eviction process can take 60 to 90 days, and that's ultimately at the hands of the landlord," Resnick said.

## New Building Dashboard monitors Stony Brook's energy consumption

By Michael Kilgallen  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook University Office of Sustainability, the Department of Energy Management and Division of Campus Residences have worked together to implement a Building Dashboard system that allows the university community to view energy consumption for each campus building.

The system gives information on electricity, solar electricity, steam, chilled water, natural gas, recycling statistics and sustainability for each of the more than 120 building energy meters.

"Last spring, we partnered with an outside company in order to help us display a few different things specifically utility and energy consumption information as well as sustainability information in order to get that content from building meters and try to get that information out to the general public," James O'Connor, the director of Sustainability and Transportation Operations, said.

The Building Dashboard system offers users an easy-to-navigate and interactive system.

"It's really easy to interpret, and that was something we talked about that we wanted because not everyone's an expert on this," Gregory Monaco, the Sustainability coordinator, said. "For our community to be able to look at

it and understand exactly what it's saying is huge. So no matter where you are if you are able to look at the dashboard and take the information and then hopefully change some things to make it better. Everyone wins."

The system also allows users to change units of measurement. In January, Stony Brook consumed 15,450,479 kWh of electricity, which is equivalent to 458,416 gallons of gasoline, 4,075,836 hamburgers cooked or 540,767 laptops powered.

"It has very user-friendly icons on it its very graphic intensive, so it's made for really anybody who's not a energy professional to be able to look and view energy consumption and recycling as well as sustainability," O'Connor said.

Last April, Stony Brook finished second in the Campus Conservation Nationals event against the University at Albany, SUNY IT and SUNY New Paltz. SBU saved a total of 41,081 kilowatt-hours and over \$6,500 in utility savings during the "Wolfie Unplugged" event.

"We run a competition for a month and we get the building occupants engaged in conservation measures so what that means is maybe they'll turn off lights for that month in their office, maybe they'll choose to recycle more in their office, maybe they'll also do other things if they're living on campus, like take shorter show-

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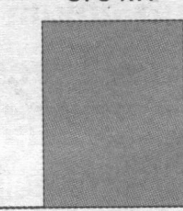
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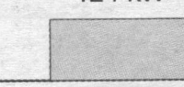
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Sports Facility

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ers," O'Connor said.

The Office of Sustainability organized another "Wolfie Unplugged" competition between 13 campus buildings last November.

The competition resulted in Melville Library reducing its energy consumption by over 21.6 percent to earn first place among academic buildings.

"When we met with student organizations for the "Wolfie Unplugged" competition they seemed to like the way it operated and looked and the feel of it," Monaco said.

The Office of Sustainability intends to add incentives to the next energy competition happening in October.

"Maybe students would receive

incentives or the buildings would receive incentives, something like a sustainability makeover to a winning building. So that a building might receive additional water bottle filling stations, they may receive a bike share station outside of the building, or they may receive electric hand dryers in the restrooms instead of using paper towels," O'Connor said.

The Building Dashboard system will help Stony Brook achieve "a New York State requirement that we have to lower our energy by 20 percent between the years of 2010 and 2020. We also have to lower our carbon footprint by 25 percent starting from the year 2008 to 2020," O'Connor said.

The Office of Sustainability also plans to increase awareness of the Building Dashboard by displaying it on the LED boards across campus.

"We're starting to tailor displays for specific buildings so you'll see a lot more of this service on the LED boards," O'Connor said. "The campus has over 200 boards total. And our goal is to continue to add the Building Dashboard to these boards. We also want to better promote and engage the community."

"We need to have these types of services, which is why the building dashboard is here, so that now people are aware of it think about it and then apply it their behavior," O'Connor said.

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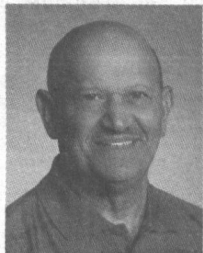
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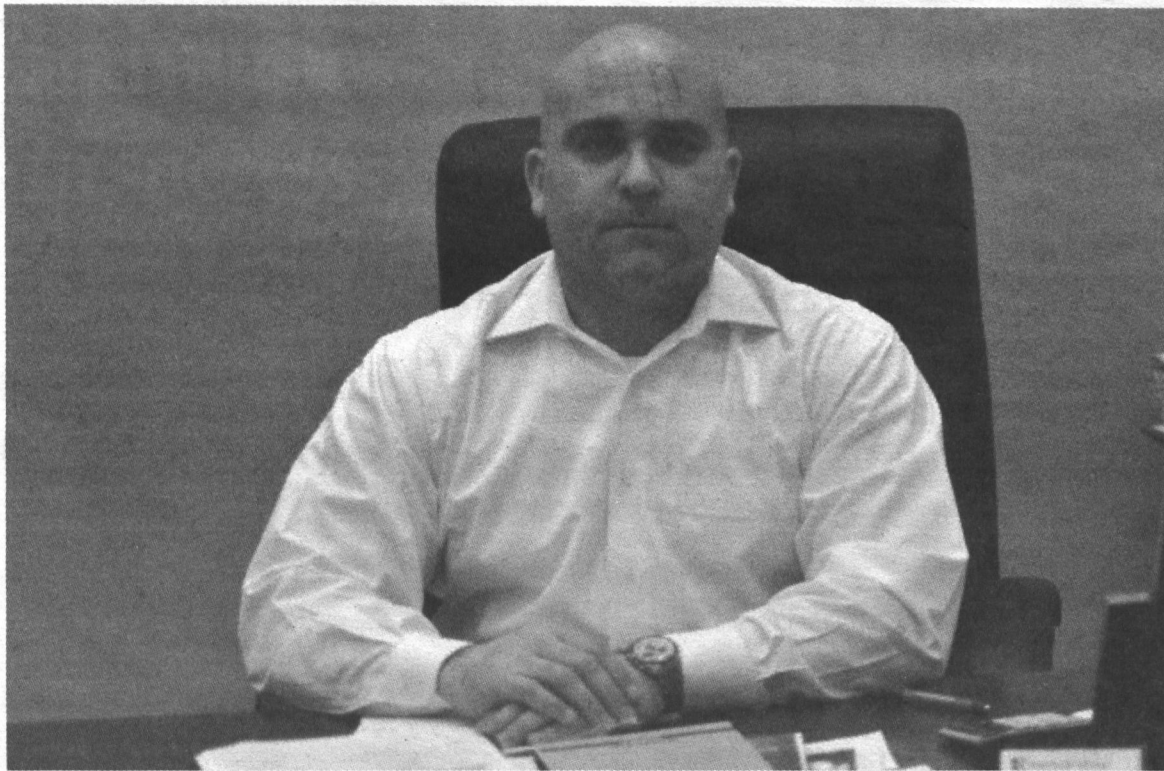
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

@SBUEM: The men behind the tweets



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Assistant Chief of Police Lawrence M. Zaccarese, above, is one of two tweeters behind the “out of an abundance of caution” tweets. He began his current position in 2009.

By Katarina Delgado  
Contributing Writer

From delays to cancellations to a bit of humor, the SBU Emergency Management Twitter has got it all.

Its recent rise to fame, sparked by the popularity of the phrase “out of an abundance of caution” that Stony Brook students now directly equate to missing class, was hilarious and helpful for Stony Brook students. But who is behind the tweets?

It is not one but two people who run the @SBUEM Twitter account. Lawrence M. Zaccarese, the assistant chief of Police and director of the Office of Emergency Management, splits the account with Stony Brook alumnus Jason Casale.

Both men are proud of what the Twitter account has become.

The Twitter page became so popular that it has over 2,500 fol-

lows and its own line of apparel.

Both halves of the duo plan to be sporting an “out of an abundance of caution” sweater as soon as they are delivered.

Zaccarese, who is a father of three, says his children “Get a kick out of [the Twitter popularity].”

Spencer Shorkey, the junior pharmacology major who designed the sweaters, said he went on YikYak and “someone had a good idea. ‘Somebody should make a t-shirt with out of an abundance of caution on it.’ It had like a hundred up-votes.”

The sweaters feature the Twitter account’s favorite hashtag and a snowflake. This may mean even more “faithful followers,” as Zaccarese calls them.

He expects the student interaction with the account to weaken as the warmer weather moves in, but hopes that students who read this article will follow them.

Zaccarese also notes that “my dis-

claimer is that the official means of communication is the voice, text and email and everything else. I give the preview to the followers because they are pretty faithful.”

When it comes to cancelling classes, Zaccarese says “there’s no ‘hey I’ll get you three thousand followers.’ There’s nothing. Student should know that great effort goes into following the storm,” and “classes have to be held. We are in the education business but we need to do it safely.”

Zaccarese said he hopes the newfound Twitter popularity “tears down the perception that the police department may be standoffish.” He would like the students and campus to know that “we are not a traditional law enforcement organization.”

Jason Casale, the second half of the Twitter duo, says, “the popularity means a lot to us. It means we are doing a good job and getting the word out there.”

## Student band juggles school, work and music on its course to success

By Emily Benson  
Staff Writer

“When we formed the band, none of us knew how to play instruments.”

SWIM, a local Stony Brook band whose Facebook page describes them as “precise, dramatic and dynamic rock music,” did not get a start like any other college band.

“In January 2010, we were all in ninth grade, we formed a band,” lead singer Daniel McCaffrey, a sophomore nursing major at Stony Brook, said. “We wrote up a contract and everything, it was very official, saying that we were gonna be band mates. I think we spent the first five months learning how to play one Coldplay song.”

Many college bands form from a passion of turning their musical talents into something more, but SWIM’s start was sparked from the simple mind set of most high school teenagers—“Why not?”

“The genesis of the band was not ability but friendship,” guitar player and pianist Justin Iaquina, a sophomore business major at Stony Brook, said. “There are many bands that have people that can all play, but it was mostly about communication between us as band members.”

SWIM is comprised of five band members: McCaffrey, the lead singer; Nick Riviezzo, who plays guitar and synth; Justin Iaquina, who plays guitar and piano; Tyler Aigotti, who plays bass; and Brian D’Angio who plays drums.

McCaffrey, Riviezzo and Iaquina all attend Stony Brook University, while Aigotti and D’Angio are juniors at Ward Melville High School. Though the band has lost and gained different members along the way, the dynamic of the band still remains the same: to have fun while making great music.

“I feel like every group of friends at some point is like ‘Hey, let’s start a band’ but not many get the chance to actually do it,” Nick Riviezzo, a sophomore computer engineering major, said.

On Mondays and Saturdays, the five guys meet up in Iaquina-

ta’s basement or garage to play. Practices usually run for about three hours and could vary from learning covers for a show to going through creative sessions and practicing some original music.

Sometimes, the band even has sleepover practices, a combination of playing music and hanging out until 2 or 3 a.m.

This has not happened in a while, as over the years each band practice has gotten more scheduled and serious.

“Our practices are becoming very refined,” Riviezzo said. “We’re getting to the point where we know what we want to work on and it all just comes down to knowing our parts.”

Naturally, getting sidetracked is hard to avoid. McCaffrey said the group is often sidetracked by talking about school or work during practices. McCaffrey, Riviezzo and Iaquina all have jobs on top of work, school and playing in the band.

“You have to set yourself sometime to study and then any other waking moment you have you dedicate to a show or getting to a practice or coming up with new material,” McCaffrey said. “It’s a little demanding.”

And while SWIM does struggle with the internal debate of pursuing an education versus being full-time musicians, each band member has tried to balance between the two work.

Iaquina transferred from Geneseo after his freshman year to attend Stony Brook and be in the band full time.

Both Aigotti and D’Angio are factoring SWIM into their college decision-making.

Iaquina, however, says he does not like to separate his college education from his dedication to the band.

“I’m a business major, so everything I learn in business I can apply to the music industry in some way,” Iaquina said.

SWIM’s first demo, “Natural

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According to its Facebook page, SWIM formed in 2010 and was first named Apollo. The band became serious about writing original music after renaming itself to SWIM.

## Moscow City Ballet performs “Don Quixote” at the Staller Center Main Stage

By Arielle Martinez  
Assistant News Editor

A 21st-century Stony Brook stage was transformed into 17th-century Spain when the Moscow City Ballet performed “Don Quixote” on the Staller Center Main Stage on Saturday, March 14 at 8 p.m.

The ballet is loosely based on the 1605 novel of the same name by Miguel de Cervantes, which also served as the inspiration for the musical “Man of La Mancha.” The ballet tells the tale of the pretend knight-errant Don Quixote (Alexander Gavrillov), who embarks on a chivalrous quest to find his imaginary love, Dulcinea.

While Don Quixote’s character is the comedic heart of the story, the true stars of the ballet are the lovers Kitri and Basil, whom the knight

meets on his quest. Don Quixote becomes determined to unite the two when they are kept apart by Kitri’s father, who wants her to marry the rich-but-vain Gamash.

The Moscow City Ballet took the audience to many locations, including a lively town square, a forest with glittering tree nymphs in tutus and a raucous tavern. The play ended with a romantic and daring pas de deux, a duet by a male and female dancer.

The production starred Yulia Zhuravleva as the flirtatious Kitri and Talgat Kozhabaev as the charming Basil.

The audience cheered as Zhuravleva performed the famous fouetté en tournant, turning on one leg 32 times without stopping. Kozhabaev showed his own technical prowess when he performed two swan dives, lifting Zhuravleva up without using

his arms—only his waist and his hip.

“They are simply superb,” the company’s director Ilina Dubovskaya said, with tour manager Nadia Fleishaker serving as a translator. “They are very emotional, and they are highly professional. The stars sometimes perform with this company and sometimes perform as stars in Bolshoi and Mariinsky and all different leading companies.”

Don Quixote’s “squire” Sancho Panza (Valerii Kravtsov), Kitri’s father Lorenzo (Yaroslav Alkhnovich) and Gamash (Dmitriy Trukhachev) kept the audience laughing with over-the-top pantomime. Rounding out the cast were Liliya Orekhova as the Queen of the Dryads, Maria Khrapova as Cupid, and Anna Ivanova and

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# Ballet performers keep the dance moves of a late coreographer alive

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Kateryna Tokareva as Kitri's friends.

The corps de ballet, or the supporting dance ensemble, dazzled in colorful period costumes, such as red-blooded matadors with sweeping capes and seductive street dancers with hand-held fans.

Although the ensemble performed to pre-recorded tracks, they added some live music by playing tambourines and castanets on stage.

"The company comes before each performance at least for 7, 8 hours before," Dubovskaya said. "They do the whole class which takes almost two hours, and they do rehearse the performance."

The Moscow City Ballet was founded in 1988 by Victor Smirnov-Golovanov as the first private Russian ballet company in the Soviet Union.

The choreography for "Don Quixote," which was created by Marius Petipa for its 1869 premiere, was updated by Smirnov-Golovanov for his own company. Ludmila Nerubachtchenko took over as artistic director of the Moscow City Ballet after Smirnov-Golovanov, her husband, died in 2013.

Dubovskaya said the dancers keep to Smirnov-Golovanov's choreography as a tribute to him.

"Don Quixote" is a ballet combined with the Russian dance style and the music of Austrian composer Ludwig Minkus, along with Spanish flair and flavor.

"[The dancers] try to keep the same traditions," Dubovskaya said. "They never change, and they like this choreography because it's more dynamic and more unique."

The company tours across Europe, Asia and South America, but this year's tour marks the first time in 15 years that company has performed in the United States, Dubovskaya said.

"This is another opportunity to be in this beautiful country and to enjoy the audience and the country," she said.

Fleishaker said the dancers of the Moscow City Ballet particularly enjoy performing for American audiences.

"A lot of company members told me that American audiences were the best because it's a little bit different," Fleishaker said. "It's warmer and more exciting. They love American audiences."



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The Moscow City Ballet has given over 800 performances in the United Kingdom since 1991, according to its website.

## SWIM strives to be more than simply musicians

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Feeling," was released on bandcamp this past December. Only three of SWIM's songs are currently recorded because of the difficulty behind getting a good recording.

"Natural Feeling" was recorded by D'Angio's father in his basement and while the band said the recording was pretty muddy and low quality, they wanted to get something online in hopes of it bringing in more gigs.

McCaffrey said the band has a dozen songs completed but not recorded, and the boys have a bunch of ideas in mind for future songs.

The band members hope they will be able to record more songs and be able to release a five-song EP by the end of the summer. But even after releasing the anticipated EP, SWIM has no intentions of stopping there.

"We want to be as big as we can,"

McCaffrey said. "I don't think it's that crazy to say we want to be the biggest band in the world. A professional but personable group that is good to its fan and is charitable. We want to spread the wealth and be activists not just musicians."

SWIM already has performances lined up for the next couple of months. The group will be performing on March 27, at the Basement in Port Jeff and in Tabler Quad on March 28 of this year.

SWIM will also be performing at Earthstock and will be holding a few shows at The Bench in the upcoming weeks. Any updates about shows can be found on the group's Facebook page.

SWIM is aware of the struggles it will face on the path to fame, but the band is optimistic and ready for the challenge.

"I'm either going to die or make it. One way or another," Iaquinta said.

# "To Pimp a Butterfly" marks Kendrick Lamar's second classic album



PHOTO CREDIT: MERLIJN HOEK

On Sunday Feb. 8, Kendrick Lamar, above, won the award for Best Rap Performance and for Best Rap Song for his song "i" at this year's 57th Annual Grammy Awards.

By Kunal Kholi  
Staff Writer

Kendrick Lamar is good at three things: storytelling, spoken word poetry and churning out classic albums. His latest album, "To Pimp a Butterfly," is his second instant-classic to come out of the studio and his best album yet.

While it is devoid of any club bangers, the album does present an intellectual commentary about society, race and the division between good and evil.

The first four songs on the album present genius thoughts on race, wealth, the celebration of yourself and the hood, but in order to understand the album, you need to look at the fifth track, "These Walls." The track is the thesis of the album.

In the track, Lamar describes the complexities of trying to fit life into the duality of good and evil. He asks himself if he really is the hero that many describe him as.

He asks himself if the conflict in his life is worth it. He asks himself the questions that drive the album. This idea of confusion is central to the album's theme—Lamar does not have the answers himself, but he has the questions.

The theme culminates at the end of the album's outro, "Mortal Man." On the track, Lamar has a conversation with the man he calls his hero and inspiration, the late Tupac Shakur, and asks him about race, rap and life. Lamar finishes the spoken-word poem that he had been reciting in part for the majority of the album.

He relates it back to a Shakur metaphor about good and evil. Shakur's response, lifted from an interview he did two weeks before the infamous Quad Recording Studio shooting, is the perfect end for the album.

He answers all of Lamar's questions, but then disappears when Lamar asks him a question that his friend wrote. Lamar's mentor, hero and influence gives him the answers to the questions that have been driving the album. It is a genius move by a genius artist.

"Versatile" is an understatement when it comes to describing Lamar's flow. In the track "u," he uses three flows alone. The production on the album demands this type of versatility.

When you have a set of funk inspired tracks, such as "King Kunta" and "Wesley's Theory," you cannot rap the same way you would on a track that sounds much more like a traditional rap song, such as "Hood Politics."

Lamar shines on both, sounding like a veteran who has been rapping for decades even though "To Pimp a Butterfly" is only his second album.

The only problem with "To Pimp a Butterfly" is that it lacks a certain smoothness. Lamar takes risks with his flow and delivery that are somewhat unnecessary. In the track "Momma," he skirts around the beat, which is an odd move.

It just seems out of place when most of the album was Lamar rapping on beat.

Also, the lack of a "banger" is disappointing. On his first major release "good kid, m.A.A.d city," we

saw songs that were destined to be chart toppers like "Swimming Pools (Drank)" and "Backstreet Freestyle." Most of the production in "To Pimp a Butterfly" does not allow a banger. Rather, the funk-inspired production moves away from the speaker blaring tracks that were expected.

Another concern with the album is the fact that it seems out of context with most of Lamar's actions since the release of his previous album.

After "good kid, m.A.A.d city," we saw Lamar claim the crown as King of New York and call out most of the popular rappers post-2010 in Big Sean's "Control." He then proceeded to insult Drake during Top Dawg Entertainment's rap cypher at the B.E.T. Hip Hop Awards in 2013.

The sudden 180-degree turn from dominating every rapper he sees to caring about society and goodness is just odd. It seemed very out of character for Lamar.

If we consider "good Kid, m.A.A.d city" to be Lamar's version of "Illmatic," which is regarded as the greatest rap album ever recorded, then "To Pimp a Butterfly" sets a new precedent in terms of quality.

In regards to lyrical content and complexity, the album is simply levels above Lamar's previous efforts and efforts by other rappers.

Due to the lack of a banger and the fact that the subject matter is extremely deep, this album is not fun to listen to.

Even as such, this album is not only Lamar's best album so far, but might just be the best rap album of 2015.

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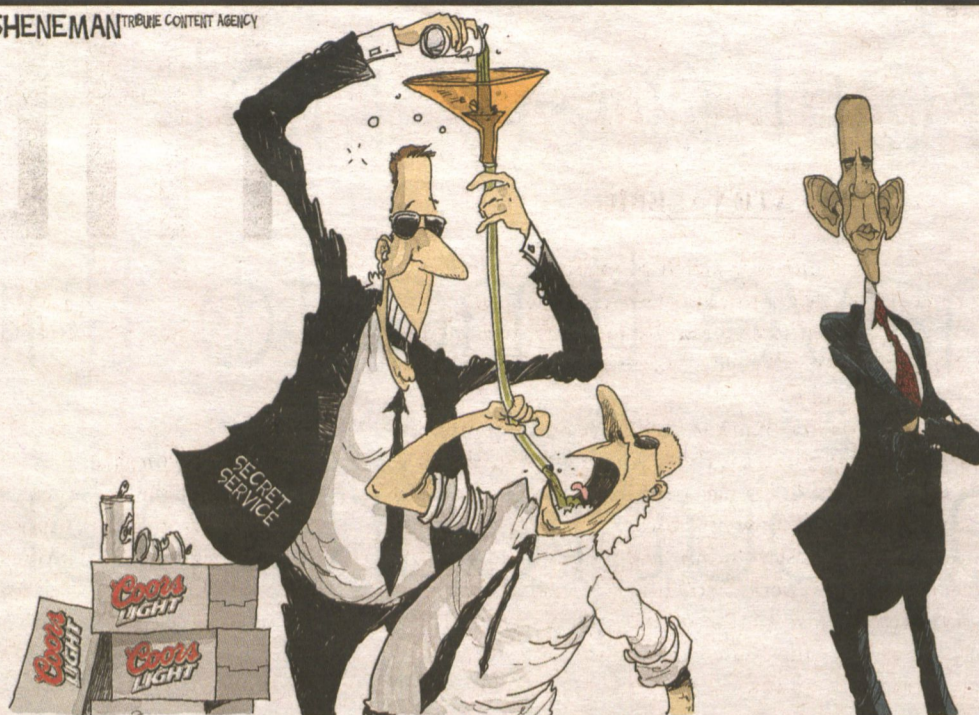
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"REST ASSURED, SIR. WE'RE STILL WILLING TO TAKE A SILVER BULLET FOR YOU."

## The grass is not greener on the other side

By Zach Rowe  
 Contributing Writer

I am going to start off by blowing your mind. For those that do not know, Stony Brook is not much of a party school. Shocking, I know. While other schools may be known for their recreations of "Animal House," the average Stony Brook student's idea of a big celebration is not failing a biology exam.

As a proud man of half-Irish descent, the time to party came during St. Patrick's Day, but the local festivities were sorely lacking. So I did what any logical person would do: I made the six-and-a-half-hour-trek to Binghamton University with a couple of my friends.

For those that do not know, Binghamton is rather notorious for its Saint Paddy's Day festivities. The website BroBible.com ranked it the 10th-best college party in the nation; some reports peg the participant count at over 50,000 people.

So obviously, when we heard about this, my friends and I asked everyone we know at Binghamton to clear a spot on their dorm floor for this wild bacchanalia. Soon enough, March 6 rolled around and we all set off.

The ride up was pretty hellish. The combination of rush hour traffic in the Bronx and my friend controlling the Aux cable was not fun at all. However,

after what seemed like the billionth time listening to "I'm Gonna Be" by The Pretenders, we finally made it.

The night that we arrived was spent catching up with old high school friends and experiencing the not-so-shocking revelation that a sleeping bag on a hard wooden dorm floor did not make for a good night's sleep. It did not matter though, because the next day was the much vaunted Parade Day.

Our alarms sounded early, as Parade Day starts for many at 8 a.m. For some, the drinking began soon after (I was the designated shepherd for me and my friends to downtown Binghamton, where the festivities are held. Stay safe kids), By about 10:30, we had made our way into the heart of the revelries.

The first thing I noticed was that while there were not 50,000 people there, there was still a substantial number of people in downtown Binghamton.

There were huge mobs of people lining the streets and pretty much every frat house had opened its doors for potential party-goers. It was a wild experience for sure.

As far as parties go, this was probably better than anything I better been to at Stony Brook. The party had soon died down for my friends and I by 4 p.m., and we headed back to campus.

We got food at one of the Binghamton dining halls, where I was shocked to see a full meal of a cheeseburger, fries

and a drink come out to \$3.75 on my friends meal card.

It was quite an overwhelming feeling of superiority, eating much better food after a much better party against a backdrop of beautiful mountain ranges that Stony Brook did not come close to offering. Yet, talking to people at Binghamton, they sounded shockingly similar to our peers here at Stony Brook.

They complained as loudly as we do about the food and bemoaned the workload of their classes. My friend said that Parade Day was the most school spirit they ever show. I realized a few things on the way back. First, "I'm Gonna Be" by The Pretenders had become my favorite road trip song of all time.

Secondly, though, I got a reminder of the old phrase that "the grass is not always greener on the other side." People are going to start complaining about their surroundings no matter where they are.

There is always going to be something about somewhere else that makes you want to leave. In the end though, as much as I want a party like Parade Day or food like Binghamton's for Stony Brook, I still would not trade Stony Brook for the world. It is my school and no matter how great Binghamton seemed, I knew the grass was not greener, despite the fact that I could not actually see the grass through the snow at either school.



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# THE SEXWOLF

*True life: I really like porn*

BY KATE VALERIO

Everyone is curious about sex, which probably contributes to why I write a weekly article about sex. We're all wondering about sex. We're so curious that there's an entire museum dedicated to sex in New York City (It's called the Museum of Sex on 5th Avenue, I highly recommend it).

It's this morbid curiosity that has made the pornography industry so huge and growing — for those who missed it, that was a penis reference. Pornography has permitted many a seventh grader to understand exactly how sex works.

I don't know about the rest of you, but health class in sixth grade did not teach me that the penis actually goes in the vagina. I used to think two people just went under the covers and squirmed around like they do in Sims. But thanks to pornhub.com, I learned what sex actually entails.

I am of the belief that porn is awesome, and I say that at the risk of being attacked by liberal feminists arguing how it increases sexual violence and discrimination against women.

I believe that if it gets me off, can it really be that bad? Unfortunately, the answer is yes. Porn — like alcohol, chocolate fudge layer cake and all pleasing things in life — can become addicting. *The Statesman* was contacted by a gentleman named Reed Davis who asked the newspaper to help bring to light the issue of pornography addiction, something that can be as detrimental to someone's life as any other addiction. I have created a list of some behaviors that might suggest you are suffering from a pornography addiction.

Watching porn together can be a fun way to spice up a dulling sex life. But if you can NOT play without pressing play, this could be indicative of an addiction, and your partner is probably really offended.

If you shift your partner mid-position to get a better view of the Jugs video that plays in the background every time you have sex, you might have a problem. To see this move in action, please refer to Season 2 Episode 6 of "Sex and the City": "The Cheating Curve."

If you have ever, even if only once, told your friend that you were staying home to hang out with "the girls" (gone wild), I encourage you from the bottom of my heart to seek help.

A pornography addiction sounds almost comical. I mean thirsty people still want to make it rain one way or another and if there's no clouds in sight, so is it really so wrong turn on the garden hose yourself? Even if it's once or twice a day? To be perfectly honest, I watch porn every time my roommate is out and I'm not in class, which happens to work out to Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. but I would do it every day if I could.

So does that count as pornography addiction? Maybe. Although I'm a little biased for this particular situation, I venture my opinion and say it isn't because it doesn't interfere with my non-existent sex life.

But if your porn-watching habits start to create any kind of issues outside of your computer monitor, think about treatment. I promise you it's really embarrassing being the person of the other side of the porn addiction. It makes you really question your own addiction to that chocolate fudge layer cake.

# THE KNOW

*I demand another spring break*

BY NIVEDITHA OBLA

Ah, spring break.

The highlight of the semester; a week filled with endless days, maybe a trip to warm places with my closest friends, alcohol if you are so inclined, and the absence of classes. A week for me to kick back and sit on my couch and allow myself to watch all the television I want.

I did not take a trip anywhere, but I definitely sat on my couch. I sat on my couch and watched a dozen Snapchats of my friends having a banging spring break. Wearing sweatpants with unwashed hair, while eating a loaf of bread, I tried really hard to imagine what it would be like to a) be in the best shape of my life, b) be sitting on the beach, feeling the warmth of the sun after this brutal winter and c) actually relax.

Because instead of spending my break in a mind-numbingly calm state, I stress-ate copious slices of toast as I thought about the lab report and two exams due this week.

And I am definitely not alone.

It is well-understood that a majority of Stony Brook students spend their spring breaks studying and stressing just as much as they do while school is in session. Why? Because for students in CHE 132, they are gearing up for their second midterm Monday night, the first day after spring break. Students in BIO 362 have an exam on Thursday, March 26. I have a friend who has a midterm every week until finals.

And it is not just these big classes that schedule exams for immediately after break. There are even professors who have specially assigned homework for spring break. My roommate is in an art class this semester - and she was expected, by her professor, to show up every day during spring break and work on the assignment. Is it wrong of me to think that all of this is a little ridiculous?

A "break" is literally defined as "a pause in work." The only thing I "paused" from this week was being physically present in my classes. The daily stress that I face while I am in school was still lingering around me like a dark cloud while I cuddled with my mom and watched Grey's. I could not even properly binge-watch Netflix because I still felt guilty over choosing "The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" over my lab report (which is still not done, by the way).

This is spring break. I am not mad that I did not

go anywhere. I am mad that I cannot sit at home and do nothing with peace-of-mind. I am mad because I have one week off to pull myself together from whatever disaster this semester has inadvertently become, cry out my feelings, experience a moment of happiness, and then settle back into the routine of school.

But I did not get my week. Because that dark cloud never left that spot in the back of my mind. It followed me every time I got Chipotle with a friend, played video games with brother, ate dinner with my parents. I knew that come Monday, I had exams and lab reports and everything else in the world to take care of. I spent the week I was supposed to unwind reeling myself back up to face the challenge of the rest of the semester.

Am I complaining? Maybe. I could have done my work before the break started. I could have spent half of it being responsible so the other half would have been a great time. But it does not take away from the fact that there still is an inherent stress. At a university that already is filled with over-worked students packing their schedules mile-high with intense upper-division credits, these breaks are crucial to our overall well-being. And we are not MIT here, with once-a-month mandated three-day weekends. This is all we have got for the spring semester until finals are over.

Breaks are important. We are not a laid-back student body. We are a student body that challenges ourselves academically, does research and works to pay loans. We are a student body that pushes ourselves to go beyond academics to run clubs, host meetings and organize campus-wide events. We are a resilient student body, but we need our breaks for our own mental health. Being over-stressed, overwhelmed, sleep-deprived, and tired is not how we are going to get through this semester. It is not the roadmap to success on any level.

What I am asking for is for professors to lay back. These midterm schedules are planned so far in advance, so planning them for the week after spring break is a low blow. Assign homework and projects to be due a little after the break, not the week after. Let us have our fun and maybe we would not look so miserable in your classes on Monday. Give us the time to really know what it feels like to not worry about your next midterm, or oral presentation, or essay. Give us the time to relax.

Give us a real spring break.

## It is good to look back to see how far we have come

By Hunter David Frederick  
Staff Writer

As anyone who has a long term goal or project will tell you it is important to look back and see just how far you have come from where you started. Whether it be building a birdhouse or trying to find the Higgs-Boson, remembering how you started, seeing progress and appreciating how much you have accomplished feels good and in some cases, it inspires you finish whatever it is you are doing.

I take great pleasure in looking at the progression of life and man-made structures. I marvel at how a human goes from being an infant, small enough to be held in one hand, potentially grow into a 6-foot-7-inch and 275-pound Hulk of a person. I find it fascinating how the steel beams on Toll Drive will eventually become our newest residence

hall (probably a year or two later than we were promised, but that is beside the point).

One of my favorite things to put in perspective is technology. Throughout my lifetime, I have gone from running Windows 98 on big, bulky beige monitors to using Windows 8 on a touchscreen laptop. And if you look at technology as whole, we have gone from clunky, monochrome machines that could run one program at a time to sleek, futuristic computers that are one-third the size and exponentially faster. I remember playing "Snake" on an old Nokia 9000 when I was little; it had the pull-out antenna and everything. Now I cannot decide which app to use first on my (thankfully antenna free) smartphone.

It is also impressive to watch the youth of today use this technology. Their mastery is one that is not taught, but almost innately devel-

oped. I remember sitting in class in high school, groaning with impatience while my teachers tried to figure how to use the SmartBoard. They would fumble with controls and after wasting 10 minutes, we would end up with a projection that was too small to read and at the same time out of focus. Do not even get me started on when they tried to calibrate those things.

We are doing more with technology than we ever have before. A couple of weeks ago, I saw on the news that Samsung was partnering with IKEA to put wireless chargers in couches. As someone who used Velcro, binder clips and tape to try and find that perfect charger placement, this is an absolute blessing. SanDisk, best known for its USB flash drives and MicroSD cards, just developed a 200 GB MicroSD-card. That is computer-level amount of storage, implanted in your phone. Even the most ad-

vanced iPods only had 160GB; this new card allows even the most dedicated audiophile to have a music collection and still retain a healthy 40GB plus the phone's built-in storage for media and apps.

Out of all the developments that inspired me to write his story, I think the most striking is Apple's announcement. According to TechCrunch, and in conjunction with Oxford and Stanford, Apple's new app ResearchKit turns any willing participant with an iPhone into a volunteer for research that could help tackle some pretty big diseases. This combats issues like sample size and human laziness, which plague current medical research. The app is open-source too, meaning more app developers can get their hands on it.

Only tests/surveys regarding Parkinson's, diabetes, asthma, breast cancer and cardiovascular disease exist right now, but I can not wait

to see how the app expands. Or better yet, when they will have their first major research breakthrough.

There are some people that might view all of this and have to fight the urge to make a reference to 1984. Some may say that technology is starting to make up too much of our lives, invading our personal space and impede our humanity. I agree, but only to a certain degree.

We need to be careful not to let technology take away our humanity (the way we do with social media), but I believe that these innovations, and most innovations are for the better.

Our world is changing and we need to keep up with it. More than ever our lives and information is digitized on a mountainous scale. The easier information flow gets, the higher we can climb up that mountain. Eventually, we may even reach the summit of seamless and perfect integration.

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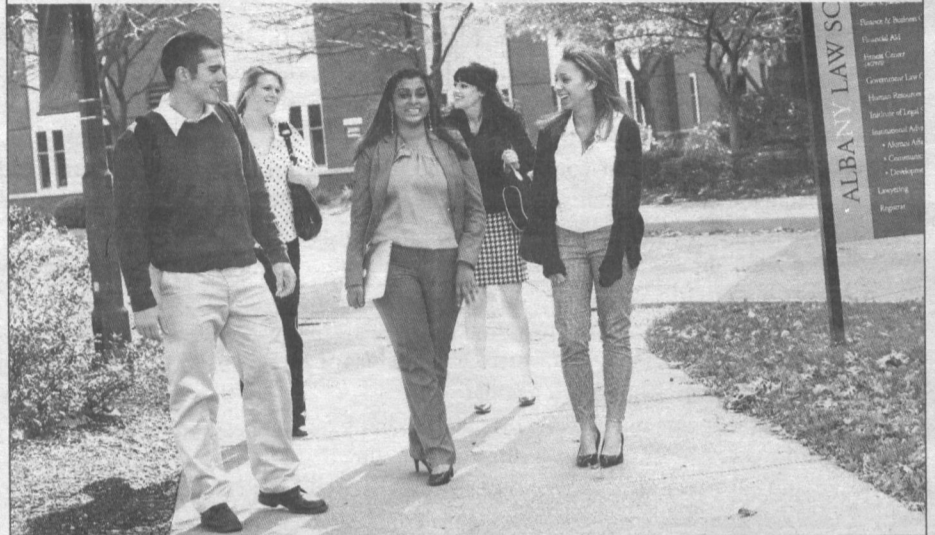
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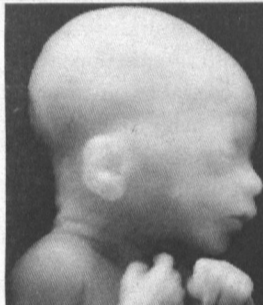
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# Ambush on officers strains relations between two torn groups

By Jonathon Kline  
Assistant Opinions Editor

A few weeks ago, two officers—one from the Webster Groves Police Department and one from the St. Louis County Police Department—were shot by a gunman at what started as a peaceful protest and quickly took a turn for the worst.

**“But the shooting of these officers does nothing to mend any torn feelings between the police and the protesters.”**

The suspected shooter, Jeffrey Williams, shot one officer in the face and another in the shoulder, incapacitated both of them and caused wide-spread panic among the many protesters and police officers that were on the scene.

First and foremost, this was not just an accidental shooting, or even one that happened in the heat of the moment.

It was clear from both amateur videos and witness testimonies that this was a planned, thought-out attack.

This ambush had to have been meticulously planned by a coward who decided he would shoot two officers from the middle of a large crowd.

On top of this, the shooter had to have been incompetent, thankfully, since he or she failed to kill either one of the officers at point blank range.

I mean, taking pot shots at unsuspecting standing officers clearly has to be a difficult task if this moron failed to do it.

But instead of berating this worthless piece of human trash, I would rather focus on the finer issue: that an action like this does nothing but separate two already polarized groups.

I am almost positive everyone has heard about what happened at Ferguson last year, and as such I would be beating a dead horse if I recalled the events that transpired in this small community.

However, the repercussions of what happened in Ferguson are still felt nationwide: many people were and are still protesting “police brutality,” especially at Ferguson. Hell, a peaceful protest is where all of this action went down.

But the shooting of these officers does nothing to mend any torn feelings between the police and the protesters.

If anything, it makes the tensions felt between the two groups



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**Two police officers were shot during a peaceful protest in Ferguson, MO. early last week.**

exponentially worse because now police officers all across the nation will be fearful and worried there could be a potential assassin hidden among the ranks of peaceful protesters.

They might be more inclined to dole out punishment more harshly since they will be more afraid for their lives, which will in turn cause a negative reaction from the peaceful protesters who never even wanted violence in.

It will be a never ending response of push and shove be-

tween the two groups, and unfortunately, it will lead to more problems than answers.

So what is the right course of action in a situation like this?

Hopefully whoever was behind this heinous crime will be caught, tried and punished to the fullest extent of the law.

It would be optimistic to hope that no one else gets this sort of idea, though if we remember the two NYPD officers who were executed for a reason similar to the reason that got these two officers

shot, then these thoughts seem more of a dream than a reality.

Hopefully, we as a society will be able to ban together and stop not only police brutality, but also the retaliation against officers of the law.

At the end of the day, the men and women in blue are human just like me and you.

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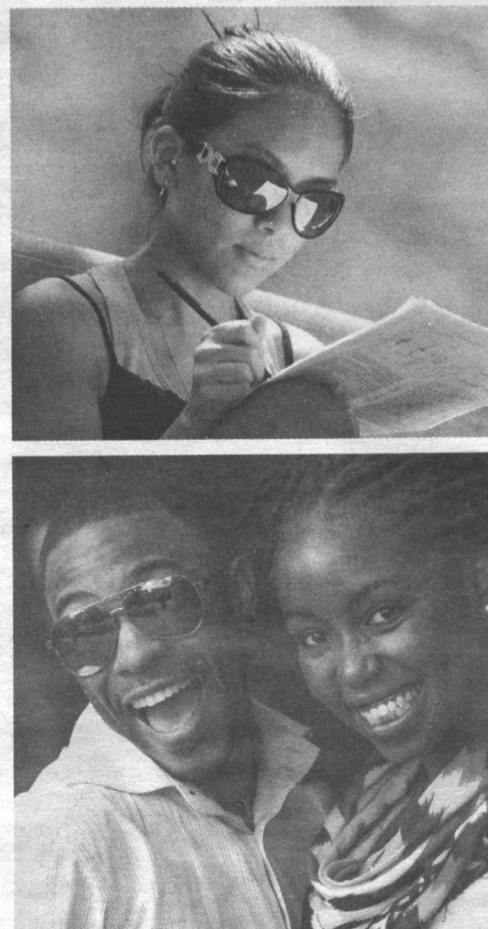
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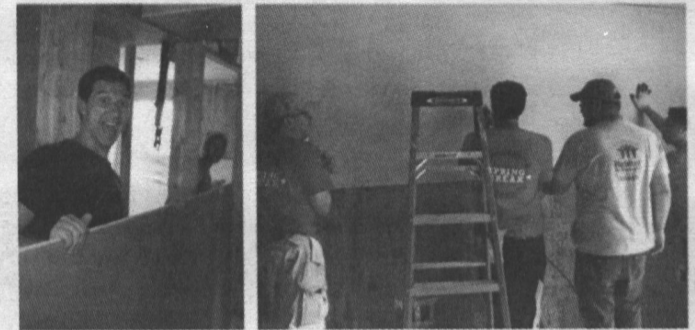


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# Points in the Paint: Takeaways from this SBU basketball season

By David Vertsberger and Andrew Eichenholz  
Assistant Sports Editors

**Point #1: Offense was the Achilles heel for SBU men's basketball this season.**

Stony Brook has one of the nation's most dominant basketball players on its team in Jameel Warney. Alongside him is a versatile junior in Rayshaun McGrew, an electric, though inconsistent scorer in Carson Puriefoy and commonly two knockdown shooters. Why is it then that the Seawolves managed to finish with just the 224th-most efficient offense in the country and their worst in four years this year?

It is easy to attribute SBU missing out on the NCAA Tournament to one play in particular, but outside of inexperience, it was scoring the basketball that most often hurt Stony Brook this year. While games

One of these is Puriefoy's unpredictable play. One night he scores 20 points on multiple threes and is the perfect counterpart to Warney. Then he shoots 6-of-42 from the field in a four-game stretch. To his credit, Puriefoy came on strong in the postseason, especially getting to the free throw line and hitting threes. But for the Seawolves offense to be formidable on a nightly basis, Puriefoy has to be formidable on a nightly basis.

Oftentimes, the Seawolves will forget the simplest rule to their offensive success: give the ball to Warney. Only good can come out of getting the two-time America East Player of the Year the ball, yet he will go consecutive possessions without getting a touch. He constantly demands a double team and can pass out of it with the best of them, but can go ignored for costly minutes at a time. This is inexcusable for a team with this talent.

on these deficiencies heading into next year.

**Point #2: Earning the America East's third seed with a new head coach is not a step back for SBU women's basketball.**

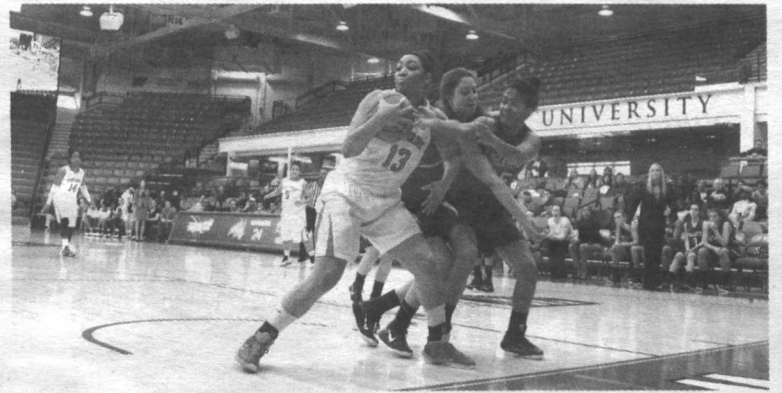
People may say that Head Coach Caroline McCombs had a lot of expectations hanging over her head when she took over the Seawolves bench over the summer. Stony Brook went from winning four games when Beth O'Boyle took the reins, to 14 then to 24.

It went from a cellar dweller to title contended in one of the biggest turnarounds throughout the country. So, what would the former Auburn and Pittsburgh assistant McCombs be able to do to take a team with their best player, Sabre Proctor, still around and ready to make another run?

The team managed 17 wins. In hindsight, that is a disappointment in comparison to what could have been for this year's Seawolves. However, at the end of the season, McCombs and company put themselves in a position to do some damage in the America East Tournament. With Albany's year-in-year-out domination of the league along with Maine's fantastic year, finishing even ahead of the Great Danes, it was unlikely that the Seawolves really could have done much better than they did.

The only point to make is that Stony Brook was shocked in the America East quarterfinals by a team that they had brushed aside easily twice in conference play. The answer to that is simple: every team has a bad day, Stony Brook just had it in the wrong place at the wrong time.

**Point #3: Next year could be**



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**SBU will need to find a replacement for Sabre Proctor.**

**the best season in program history for men's team.**

This season, Head Coach Steve Pikiell would almost routinely bring up the fact that the Seawolves had no seniors and relied heavily on five freshmen this season. Despite this, Stony Brook not only fell two points shy of an NCAA Tournament berth, but also finished with 23 wins on the season.

With that in mind, there is plenty of reason to believe next year will be the program's best. The entire team will be returning with the addition of point guard Lucas Woodhouse, a gifted shooter and distributor.

Additionally, many of the uber-talented neophytes that proved huge for Stony Brook this past season will now have had a year under their belts in the college game and are likely to return much improved. Names like Roland Nyama, Bryan Sekunda and Deshaun Thrower will get to reach closer to their max potentials.

While the Seawolves get to enjoy not having to spend the early part of their schedule building team chemistry, their conference foes are getting weaker. Albany's all-conference first team member Sam Rowley is graduating along with Vermont's Hector Harold.

Even with the massive disappointment this season ended with, Stony Brook ended up impressing as a whole despite its lack of seasoned players. This has set the stage for what should be the best year in program history in 2016. Let's see if they can make it happen.

**Point #4: Sabre Proctor will be missed next season.**

It is rare to find a student-athlete who can excel in every aspect of their sport. Stony Brook was lucky enough to find one of those talents in Sabre Proctor, a two-time All-America East First Team selection.

There was not much she could not do. Proctor was a daunting presence for opposing defenses in the paint, with a combination of strength and athleticism that made her a nightmare for everybody to deal with. Yet, she could still step out and hit a jumper, as she showed many times throughout the year.

With time ticking down in the shot clock, Proctor had no problem crossing over her defender and rising up for a shot.

There is simply nobody on this team that could replicate her production. Next year, finding a way to cope without her will be both a problem and a key.



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**Jameel Warney averaged 16.4 points per game this season.**

with a ton of turnovers will dissipate as this young roster matures, there were a few underlying issues that plagued the offense throughout and will not go away on their own.

These, among other problems, held back a Stony Brook offense with enough options and talent to be much better than it was this season. The Seawolves need to improve

## SBU men's basketball suffers familiar postseason heartbreak in loss to Albany

By Joe Galotti  
Sports Editor

"Wait 'til next year." For a good portion of the 40s and 50s, that was the unofficial slogan for the Brooklyn Dodgers, a baseball franchise that always built up plenty of anticipation with exciting regular seasons, but ultimately broke the hearts of its fanbase every year with disappointing finishes in the postseason.

The slogan seems rather fitting for the Stony Brook men's basketball program, which has put up at least 20 wins in five of its last six seasons, but has ultimately always come up short of winning a conference championship.

During the final seconds of the America East championship game on March 14 between the Seawolves and the Great Danes, it appeared as if Stony Brook was ready to finally put an end to the heartbreak. The duo of Jameel Warney and Carson Puriefoy had carried their team to a 50-48 advantage and were just one defensive stop away from securing the program's first NCAA tournament appearance.

Then came a final 17 seconds that probably made even the least superstitious Seawolves fans out there believe that there may be some sort of curse looming over this program.

Albany's Ray Sanders drove the lane only to see his shot attempt hit off

the top of the backboard. The shot's rebound was tipped out to the top of the key, and with 3.7 seconds remaining, Peter Hooley was there wide open to retrieve the ball, and then knock down the seemingly impossible game-winning three-point shot.

Without a doubt, Stony Brook suffered some unfortunate luck on the game's final sequence. But the team still can be blamed for letting a multi-possession lead in the championship game's final minutes slip away. After a pair of made free throws from Puriefoy with 1:56 remaining, the Seawolves were up 49-42 and seemingly had their ticket punched to the big dance. But a quick jumper by Albany's Evan Singletary, followed by two missed free throws from Warney, put the Great Danes right back in it.

With just under a minute remaining, the Seawolves' lead was down to three. But, the team still seemed to be in control of the game, until an in-bounds pass from Rayshaun McGrew went right through the hands of his intended target, Puriefoy, and out of bounds. The Great Danes would receive the ball and maintain possession until Mike Rowley nailed down two free throws with 21.7 seconds remaining on the clock.

The Seawolves finally made their way back to the free throw line on their next possession, but Puriefoy

was only able to make 1-of-2 from the line. From there, Hooley would break the hearts of Stony Brook fans for the second-straight season.

Although the failures of Warney and Puriefoy stand out when looking back at the game's final minutes, it is hard to put too much blame on the two men. When Stony Brook came out of the gate ice cold from the field, scoring just two points in the game's first 9:51, it was Warney who kept the team in it. He scored 12 of his team's 20 first half points, dominated on the glass and did a terrific job of keeping Albany's interior offense to a limit in the game's first twenty minutes.

Late in the second half, the Great Danes put tremendous defensive pressure on Warney and sent out a challenge to the rest of the Seawolves that another player would have to make big shots if they wanted to dethrone Albany. Puriefoy accepted that challenge. The man known as "Tre" lived up to his name, draining three shots from behind the arc in the game's final 6:11.

But, the two men's efforts were not enough, and the Seawolves did not seem to have another scoring option to help them carry the load down the stretch. McGrew, who has averaged nearly nine points a game this season, found himself in early foul trouble and was never able to make much of

an impact offensively.

He was held scoreless, just like two of the team's others starters, Roland Nyama and Deshaun Thrower. The two first-year Seawolves, both playing in their first conference championship games, got off to slow starts from the field and saw their shot opportunities cut drastically as the game continued on. Nyama rode the bench for much of the contest, only getting 10 minutes of action.

It is hard to believe that Stony Brook was almost able to escape with a win against the now three-time defending conference champions, considering Seawolves players not named Warney or Puriefoy combined for just seven points in the game.

The Seawolves should be given credit for their strong defensive effort. They held Albany to just 31.1 percent from the field and denied the Great Danes a three-pointer until the game's final seconds. But in the end, Stony Brook did still fall short of its ultimate goal of reaching the NCAA Tournament. And once again, many SBU fans must be wondering right now if it will ever be their team's turn to dance.

Looking on the bright side, which admittedly is hard to do right after a heartbreaking loss like this one, the Seawolves will likely have their entire roster returning next season. The conference's best player, Warney, will be

back with another year of experience under his belt. SBU will always have a chance to achieve big things with him in the lineup.

Also returning as seniors will be Puriefoy, McGrew and Scott King, all providing a strong leadership core for the team moving forward. The Seawolves will also have an exciting group of young players in Nyama, Thrower, Tyrell Sturdivant and Jakub Petras returning this fall. None of them seemed ready to make a big impact in this year's championship game, but perhaps after another year of development, they will be.

It is hard for an SBU fan to be anything but gloomy after a loss like this one. However, it is important for them to remember that the window for this group to win an America East championship is far from closed. This version of the Warney-led Seawolves will be back for one more run at an NCAA tournament berth.

The Brooklyn Dodgers finally had their day on Oct. 4, 1955, when they defeated the New York Yankees in game seven of the World Series to finally earn their first championship. With the way Stony Brook continues to bring in high-level talent, it seems likely the program will have its day soon.

But for now, Seawolves fans will just have to "wait 'til next year."

# Honahan struggles in loss to Creighton

By Jesse Borek  
Staff Writer

In a season that has already been horrendously stunted by inclement weather, the Stony Brook Seawolves baseball team's spell of bad luck spilled over onto Sunday afternoon when they fell to the Creighton Blue Jays by a final of 8-3.

Originally planned as three-game, three-day series against the club from Omaha, Nebraska, the "series" became a simple one-game confrontation on Sunday afternoon with nearly no traces of snow in sight.

Sending their ace to the hill in junior Tyler Honahan, the Seawolves seemed to have the upper-hand on paper.

But for the first time on the year, Honahan would struggle mightily.

Allowing five earned runs in just 1.1 innings of work, Stony Brook faced a 7-0 deficit after just an inning and a half of action.

It was an error by Honahan himself in the second inning that spurred on a fire that could seemingly not be contained.

By the time junior Chad Lee extinguished the flames, six runs had crossed the plate, presenting a daunting task for the Seawolves' offense.

If the entire lineup could have hit like junior outfielder Jack Parenty, a comeback may have



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**Senior Cole Peragine (above, No.3) scored twice for Stony Brook in the team's loss to Creighton on Sunday.**

been feasible.

After an RBI double in both the fifth and seventh innings, Parenty would finish the day a perfect 3-for-3 with two of the three Stony Brook RBIs.

The Jays employed their entire arsenal of arms, with no pitcher seeing the hill for more than two innings.

Eight pitchers would combine to hold the Seawolves to just seven hits and three runs.

This was not nearly enough to scale back into the hole they had presented for themselves.

Manager Matt Senk's decision to mix up the batting order and place senior catcher Cole Peragine in the leadoff spot has

seemingly begun to pay off, as Peragine walked three times in the Sunday contest.

He has now earned 17 free passes on the season, and would score on both of Parenty's RBI doubles.

Next up, the Seawolves hit the road to take on the Sacred Heart Pioneers on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

They will then return home next week for a planned three-game series against a new America East opponent, the UMass-Lowell River Hawks.

It is the school's second season in the conference, but the Seawolves will look to avenge a series loss last season, as Stony Brook dropped two of three in Lowell.

# SBU softball searching for more consistency from offense

By Chris Gaine  
Staff Writer

After coming into the year with championship aspirations, Stony Brook softball has posted mixed results through the first 15 games of the season.

The Seawolves currently sit at 7-8 on the year.

Although the team has yet to play a home game or begin its conference schedule, the early results from the team appear on the surface to be disappointing.

One reason for this sub-.500 performance is the limited offensive production.

The Seawolves have recorded the fewest hits of all America East teams this season.

Regular starters Kellie Reynolds, Melissa Phelan, Chelsea Evans, Kim Ragazzo and Lexie Shue are all currently batting below .200.

These five players have combined for just 12 extra base hits.

Another issue stems from a lack of depth at the back end of the rotation.

Although reigning conference Pitcher of the Year Allison Cukrov has impressed with a 3-0 record, freshman pitcher Maddy Neales has gone just 1-2 with a 6.75 ERA in five appearances. Likewise, junior Jane Sallen is only 3-6 in her 9 starts this season.

Despite these mishaps, there are many positive takeaways to be had through the season's first 15 games.

Senior outfielder Bria Green is dominating with the bat, leading the conference in hitting, home runs and slugging percentage.

Green's .429 batting average makes her one of just three America East players with a batting average over .400.

Although a 7-8 record may appear to be disappointing, the Seawolves have actually gotten off to a better start this year than they did last year.

At this point last season, the Seawolves had a 5-10 record through 15 games.

The 2014 team was able to turn their season around by dominating conference play with a 15-2 record.

Eventually, that team made its way to the America East Championship.

The Seawolves may not have had an ideal start to the season, but it appears as if there is room for improvement.

With stars like Green and Cukrov, Stony Brook still factors in as a contender during conference play.

Stony Brook saw its series with UMass-Lowell postponed over the weekend. The team will return to action this Tuesday, when the Seawolves host a doubleheader against Central Connecticut.

# Winter weather proves to be problematic for SBU club teams

By Arielle Martinez  
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The snow and ice that covered Stony Brook University's Campus Recreation Field Complex by the South P Lot this winter was more than an inconvenience to sports clubs that needed to maintain their practice and game schedules.

Jay Souza, the director of the Department of Campus Recreation, said that plowing the complex's artificial turf field requires a third-party contractor.

The complex's two grass fields, Souza said, cannot be plowed or shoveled without being destroyed, so teams had to wait for the snow to clear on its own.

"We have to make sure that fields are safe and playable," Souza said. "If they're just a sheet of ice, then we'd have to cancel operations."

The Stony Brook University campus was hit by several snow storms since the start of the semester. Winter Storm Juno dumped about 20

inches of snow on Jan. 26, and Winter Storm Linus dropped about six inches of snow on Feb. 2, according to the National Weather Service. The Department of Campus Recreation and the sports clubs paid for the turf field to be plowed on the last week of February at a rate of about \$100 per hour, Souza said, but Winter Storm Thor packed on another seven inches of snow on March 5.

"It's terrible, but it's something that can't be controlled," said James Alrasi, a member of the men's rugby team and the executive vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government, in an interview. "We've only had, like, one practice in two weeks."

The men's rugby team, which plays in the Empire Rugby Conference, had a 10-team tournament on Stony Brook's field scheduled for March 7, so the turf field had to be plowed yet again on March 6. Thomas Kirnbauer, the advisor for the men's rugby team and the administrative director of USG, said the snow caused "a turbulent couple of weeks" for his team.

He commended Campus Recreation for paying for the second plowing rather than asking the sports clubs for additional funds.

"It allowed us to have a tournament that wouldn't have been possible at any other school in the Northeast," he said.

Kirnbauer mentioned that the men's rugby team also used an indoor facility in Ronkonkoma during the winter to prepare for a national tournament in Las Vegas in February.

"It's not nearly as good as a full outdoor field, but it at least allowed us to exercise and have some ball in hand and do what we could," he said.

Susan DiMonda, the advisor for the women's lacrosse team and the associate dean and director of student life, said that Campus Recreation had to wait for the right time to get the field plowed.

"I think the staff and Recreation did their best to make the fields accessible," she said. "Plowing is costly, and they have to do it at the right time. If they plow and it snows one

or two days later, it's like, 'Well, there's \$2,000 out the window.'"

At the USG senate meeting on Feb. 26, representatives of the men's club lacrosse team said they had originally planned to shovel the fields with the women's club lacrosse team and the rugby team.

"Fair enough with the shovelling, it wasn't approved," said Jonathan Sadeh, the president of the men's club lacrosse team. "We have to get it plowed, and we now have to pay for it. Don't worry; we didn't do anything illegal."

DiMonda called spring "a tricky season" but said that the improving weather means the fields will be more playable soon.

"Now we just have to wait for the fields to dry out so they won't be so soft," she said.

The university officially opened the newly-renovated field complex in April 2014. The complex's three fields—the two grass fields and one turf field—measure over nine acres, according to a university press release.

# Christina Meilan participates in NCAA indoor championships

By Cameron Boon  
Assistant Sports Editor

When one thinks of the greatest runners in Stony Brook Track and Field History, there is one name that comes to mind: Lucy Van Dalen. The 2012 graduate won the NCAA indoor mile championship and competed in London during that year's Olympic games. Second on the list? Well, if it is not already Christina Meilan, she is making a strong argument for that spot.

After her appearance in the 2014 NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 5,000 meters, the now-junior made her first appearance at the Indoor Championships, this time held at the University of Arkansas, in the same event.

She is the sixth different student-athlete to qualify for a Track and Field National Championship as an individual in either indoor or outdoor since 2008.

The Staten Island native placed No. 13 down in Fayetteville, running

a time of 16:17.26. This placed her in second-team All America honors, but was not necessarily her best effort.

At the John Terrier Classic, she ran a personal record of 16:00.14 on Jan. 30. If she would have repeated that, she would have climbed into the Top 10 on the leaderboard. She did beat her national ranking, entering the meet No. 15 in the country.

But, the junior will be looking to improve during this spring season, and make it back to the Outdoor Championships, which this season

are being held in Eugene, Oregon.

Jane Clark is a newcomer looking to follow in the Van Dalen/Melian legacy.

She got off to a good start during this indoor season, claiming an America East title in the 1,000 meters. This is the second straight season a Seawolf claimed the title in that race, as then-senior Olivia Burne crossed the finish line first last time around.

Clark finished her season eighth in the ECAC Championships, clocking in at 2:57.87.

## Upcoming SBU Sports Schedule

### Baseball

Wed. March 25  
3:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Sat-Sun March 28-29  
3 game series vs.  
UMass-Lowell

### Softball

Wed. March 25  
Doubleheader vs.  
Central Connecticut

Sat-Sun March 28-29  
3 game series at  
Albany

### Men's Lacrosse

Sat. March 28  
1:30 p.m. at Vermont

### Women's Lacrosse

Tues. March 24  
7:00 p.m. vs. Rutgers

Sat. March 28  
12:00 p.m. vs. Oregon

# Win over Florida Gators proves Stony Brook women's lacrosse team is capable of competing with nation's best

By Andrew Eichenholz  
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The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team may have proved people wrong last Tuesday night, but the Seawolves also proved themselves right in believing they could compete with powerhouse lacrosse programs from across the country, beating the No. 6 Florida Gators in Gainesville, 12-11.

It was anything but an ordinary win for the Seawolves in more ways than one. Last Monday, Head Coach Joe Spallina and his clan welcomed a seventh member to their family, his second daughter, Olivia Meredith.

As the Spallina family stayed behind watching from afar, he headed south to the swamp for a battle at Donald R. Dizney Stadium.

Florida, led the charge against the Seawolves after wreaking havoc last year. But this time, Spallina's team was ready to make a statement.

For all the hype that surrounded the Seawolves when one of the best goalies in the country, Frankie Caridi, wore Stony Brook red, the team never quite broke through.

Back-to-back second round appearances in the NCAA Tournament were major accomplishments for the team and the program as a whole, but as the national powerhouses like Florida confronted them, Spallina's team fell short. Not anymore.

If beating the Gators accomplished anything, it was showing those powerhouses that the Seawolves will not fold in the big moments against the very best.

Spallina. After a scoreless first game of the year in which her first career goal was called off for an illegal stick, the freshman has been the best player on the team, not only scoring but creating opportunities for others. It goes without saying that her performance was key in earning the huge spring break-win.

The Seawolves had not done it before, nor did many people outside the program believe it either.

Prove people wrong. That has been this team's motto all season long.

A win against an annual contender in Notre Dame at home got things off on the right foot, and a victory against a dangerous Jacksonville squad on their turf continued the trend.

Stony Brook does not have to

There were question marks early on in the journey regarding how quickly the team's offense could mesh, with a lot of pieces trying to fit together into one difficult puzzle to deal with. 12 goals against a team that has made at least the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament in each of the last four years shows that when things are working, that is not a problem.

The Seawolves can play, and not just with the America East, but the country.

People used to say that this was a defensive-minded squad relying on letting Caridi save the day. Stony Brook is still strong on the defensive end without its former netminder, but they have become a potent force on the offensive end as well.

Any team that has the nation's two-leading scorers for freshmen in Courtney Murphy and Dorrien Van Dyke, a talent like Ohlmler and Virginia-transfer Taylor Ranfile could make things happen.

That does not even call to attention the fact that 2014's 22-goal scorer Kristin Yevoli does not start.

This team may not have a modern-day version of assistant coach Demmianne Cook, who scored 90 goals in 2013, but it has depth that will only grow, as much of the team has plenty of time left on Long Island.

One thing that Spallina said before the season even started, though, is that there is something the team needs drastic improvement in: the draw control.

If it were not for Florida turnovers late in the second half that were caused by a highly-pressing Stony Brook defense, the Gators could have executed to tie the game.

It was a good sign to see the Seawolves win the battle in the draw circle against Notre Dame, but getting doubled up in the second half by Florida made a great performance more nerve-racking than it could have been.

When Stony Brook wins in the

draw control department, not only is the team able to take its time executing in the offensive third, but it gives the Seawolves' strong defense time to rest up for the oncoming attack.

Last but certainly not least has been the performance of senior two-

## Seawolves start red-hot

Feb. 21, 7-4 win vs. USC

Feb. 28, 8-4 win vs. Drexel

March 7, 13-6 win vs. Villanova

March 10, 9-5 win vs. Notre Dame

March 15, 13-4 win at Jacksonville

Last Tuesday, 12-11 win at Florida

Last Saturday, 13-4 win at UNH



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The Seawolves put themselves amongst the nation's elite with a win against Florida.

Stony Brook looked to reverse the fortunes of their 14-1 loss against the Gators at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium last season. The Seawolves were out to prove people wrong.

Tewaaraton Award finalist Shannon Gilroy, a senior midfielder for

Stony Brook already knew what it could do, but the team wanted to do something else. Prove people wrong.

Kylie Ohlmler tossed five into the back of Florida's cage, backing up what has been high praise from

prove people wrong anymore. The 7-0 start to the season has shown the Seawolves' talent and depth all over the field, including in net, where sophomore Kaitlyn Leahy has had the unenviable task of picking up where Caridi left off.

## Nine second-half goals help men's lacrosse take down UMBC

By Joe Galotti  
Sports Editor

A strong final 30 minutes helped the Stony Brook men's lacrosse team earn its first conference win of the season on Saturday afternoon, as the Seawolves defeated UMBC 12-6.

Junior Brody Eastwood led the way for the Seawolves, finding the back of the net four times during the game, including three times in the second half alone.

Senior Mike Rooney also played a big part in the victory, scoring a goal and dishing out six assists.

Stony Brook struggled to find its offense early on in the game.

The Seawolves trailed 1-0 with 4:35 remaining in the first period, finally evening the score when junior Challen Rogers finally got SBU on the board.

Rogers tied things up with his ninth goal of the season, with junior Chris Hughes

getting the helper.

After the goal, Stony Brook still struggled to find its game, as goals from Nate Lewnes and Jack Gannon put UMBC ahead, 3-1.

With 13:29 remaining before halftime, the Seawolves would pull closer on the scoreboard thanks to a goal from an unexpected source of offense.

Junior midfielder Frank Lucatuorto, who is more known for his strong faceoff abilities and defensive skills, found the back of the net to pull SBU within one.

It was the first goal of the season for Lucatuorto, who had only scored once in his previous 30 contests.

A little over two minutes later, Eastwood scored his first goal of the game to tie things up at three. The contest would remain even going into halftime.

Eastwood opened the scoring in the third, striking with 9:29 left in the period to give Stony Brook

its first lead of the game.

Rooney would extend the Seawolves lead to two shortly after, scoring his 20th of the season with 7:42 remaining in the third.

SBU's lead, however, would be short-lived. Lewnes scored his second goal of the game with 6:55 left in the period. Eight seconds later, Conor Finch tied the game at five.

With time winding down in the third, Eastwood would once again come up big for his team.

The junior scored with five seconds left on the clock to give his team a lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth, Stony Brook would take control of the game, scoring the first three goals of the period to take a 9-5 lead.

Sophomore Alex Corpolongo put the Seawolves ahead by two goals, 7-5, when he scored his first of the game and 12th of the season with 8:31 left in regulation time.

Then, with 6:41 left, Rogers would score his second of the game, followed by Eastwood's fourth of the game a little over a minute later.

Lewnes completed his hat trick with 3:27 left on the clock to pull the Retrievers within three.

But, the Seawolves would respond with three goals before time expired to put the game officially out of reach.

Sophomore Jeff Reh notched his second of the year to make it a 10-6 contest.

Then, Lucatuorto struck again to make it 11-6, giving him the first multi-goal game of his career.

Junior Matt Schultz capped off the game's scoring with his 13th goal of the season.

Freshman goalkeeper Brandon Maciejewski made seven saves for Stony Brook on Saturday, and picked up his second win of the season.

The Seawolves were dominant

on the draw against UMBC, winning 17-of-22 face-offs in the game.

Lucatuorto was 13-of-16 on draws, while sophomore Jay Lindsay won 4-of-6.

Stony Brook also had a large advantage in ground balls in the matchup.

SBU had 28 ground balls compared to the Retrievers 18.

The Seawolves now get another week of rest before their next game.

After the win SBU is 6-2 overall this season and 1-1 in America East-play.

The team does not play again until Saturday, when the Seawolves head to Burlington to take on Vermont. After that, Stony Brook will be back home for a pair of out-of-conference matchups.

They will host out-of-conference foe Quinnipiac on March 31. Then, on April 4 Princeton will make its way to LaValle Stadium to take on the Seawolves.

# SPORTS

## Women's lacrosse stays undefeated, beats Gators and UNH

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Looking to avenge last season's 14-1 demolition at the hands of the Florida Gators, the Seawolves knew it would be a difficult fight on the road against the No. 6 team in the nation.

Just five minutes into last Tuesday night's game, sophomore goalkeeper Kaitlyn Leahy was already pulling the ball out of her own net for the fourth time. As the Stony Brook women's lacrosse team peered out to the Gainesville scoreboard, the Seawolves saw an early three-goal deficit.

It seemed like the team was en route to another long night, unable to compete with its SEC foes.

In previous seasons, the team has shown dominance in the America East, but failed to ever win against one of the nation's elite or secure a single victory over a top-ten team in program history.

Things would be different this time. The Seawolves showcased that they can not only compete with the nation's best, but beat the nation's best, defeating the Gators 12-11 on Tuesday night.

For the remainder of the first half, Joe Spallina's defense demonstrated their brilliance, stifling all Florida attacks with the utmost discipline. Stony Brook committed just three fouls in the half and led the Gators 8-6 in ground balls.

Offensively, the Seawolves excelled in transition, turning Gator turnovers into goals at the other end. When freshman Kylie Ohlmiller snapped home a goal just 16 seconds before the intermission, Stony Brook was on a



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**The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team is now 7-0 this season after earning a statement win over the Florida Gators and following it up with a victory over UNH.**

4-0 run and took a 5-4 lead at the horn, silencing the Gator faithful.

In the second half, both teams were able to find some more offense. Stony Brook opened up a 9-6 lead with 17:15 remaining after another Ohlmiller score. From there, it seemed as if every time the Gators started to rally, the Seawolves had an answer. Florida cut the lead to 10-9, 11-10 and 12-11, but was never able to find the equalizer.

Senior Amber Kupres took a charge for Stony Brook with 59 seconds left to play, and the team was able to stall the next minute to advance to 6-0, having completed the most impressive win in school history.

Ohlmiller had five goals and

added an assist to lead all scorers for the Seawolves. Sophomore Courtney Murphy also had a hat trick for Stony Brook and senior Michelle Rubino had two goals, one assist and six draw controls.

On Saturday afternoon the Seawolves looked to continue their six-game undefeated streak on the road against America East rival New Hampshire. SBU won handedly, as a dominant second half performance led the team to a 13-4 win.

The first half started with a Wildcat's goal by senior midfielder Laura Puccia, off the assist from senior attacking Kayleigh Hinkle. Senior midfielder Rubino hit the equalizer for Stony Brook just seconds after Puccia's goal.

Sophomore attacking Courtney Murphy scored a second goal for the Seawolves, putting them up 2-1. But Puccia tied it up with a free position shot.

The back-and-forth game was ended by the Seawolves, who went on a two goal run.

Murphy got her second goal for the day off of an assist by junior attacking Taylor Ranftle. Ranftle then assisted senior midfielder Kupres, giving the Seawolves a 4-2 lead.

Even though they were down two, the Wildcats were not about to throw in the towel.

Sophomore Marissa Gurello scored her third goal of the season, bringing the Wildcats within one of Stony Brook. However, Kupres

hit her second goal of the game to close the half with the Seawolves leading 5-3.

The second started off with the only New Hampshire goal of the half. Senior attacker Becca Graves scored her eighth goal of the season off an assist from senior midfielder Rachael Nock.

With the Wildcats within one, the Seawolves had to turn on the afterburners.

Murphy sparked the Seawolves eight goal run, scoring her third goal of the game.

Sophomore Dorrien Van Dyke scored her eighth goal of the season soon after.

Kupres got a hat trick off of another assist by Ranftle. Freshman attacker Ohlmiller got on the board with a her fourteenth goal of the season.

The barrage of scoring continued, as Van Dyke scored her second goal of the game off an assist by Murphy.

Even with three minutes left, the Seawolves showed no signs of slowing down.

Sophomore midfielder Kristin Yevoli scored an unassisted goal, making it 11-4 for the Seawolves.

Freshman midfielder Samantha DiSalvo scored her third goal of the season off an assist by junior Natalie Marciniak. Marciniak scored the final goal of the game, closing the blowout at 13-4.

Fueling the blowout was the massive amount of turnovers by New Hampshire. While the Seawolves had four total for the game, the Wildcats had six in the first half alone.

Next up for the undefeated Seawolves is a four game homestretch, which begins this Tuesday against Rutgers.

## Stony Brook men's basketball team suffers more heartbreak in season-ending loss to Mercer

By David Vertsberger  
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The Seawolves suffered a heart-breaking defeat against Albany in the America East Championship game, watching as Peter Hoolley hit a last-second off-balance three-point shot to secure the Great Dane's win.

Stony Brook dealt with a serious case of déjà vu in its first-round College Basketball Invitational matchup with Mercer last Wednesday, falling at the hands of Ike Nwamu's game-winner with 1.2 seconds to go.

With the game tied at 70 after a missed Carson Puriefoy-free throw, Nwamu drove on Kameron Mitchell and pulled up from short range, icing the winner on a friendly bounce and finishing the game with 25 points.

The Seawolves turned it over on the ensuing inbounds pass to lose 72-70, ending their season on back-to-back losses that came as the result of last-second shots.

The same problem that plagued SBU on Saturday against Albany

hurt them at Mercer, with just 11-of-19 shooting from the free throw stripe and two crucial misses late.

Nwamu scored 14 of Mercer's final 16 points in the tightly-contested game after the teams remained neck-and-neck throughout the 40 minutes.

In a minute-and-a-half long stretch with under three to play, both teams answered each other's jumpers in what resembled an All-Star Game shootout.

Puriefoy led the way for the Seawolves with 19 points on 6-of-16 shooting.

Mitchell scored 15 points on 4-of-5 shooting from three, a new career-high for the sophomore. Jameel Warney added 14 points and 13 rebounds, his 24th double-double of the season.

Neither squad led by more than six points in what turned into a barnburner in the second half. Stony Brook scored 43 points to Mercer's 45 in the latter period.

Head Coach Steve Pikiell played everybody on his team save for Ryan Burnett, but just two players shot above 50

percent on the night.

Offensive rebounds and threes kept Stony Brook afloat offensively against Mercer's 1-3-1 zone and undersized lineups, while the Seawolves' defense struggled.

Mercer committed 15 turnovers, but connected on 45 percent of its field goals and shot 8-of-21 from downtown.

Roland Nyama's defense was missed as he was not on the team bench in the second half due to an illness.

Stony Brook's season now comes to an end after consecutive heartbreakers in the closing seconds.

While fans clamor to soak up all the March Madness they can, the Seawolves must wait another year to try and finally overcome the March Sadness that has cursed them.

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reaction

## Women's basketball team also falls in opening round of CBI

By Cameron Boon  
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Christa Scognamiglio broke onto the Stony Brook women's basketball scene as the calendar flipped to 2015, but she was not able to save the Seawolves' season last Thursday night in Loudonville, New York.

The sophomore tallied 16 points and nine rebounds, but it was not enough as Stony Brook had its season come to an end against Siena, 53-46, in the first round of the Women's Basketball Invitational at the Times Union Center.

Fellow sophomore Kori Bayne-Walker finished the day with 12 points and six boards, and senior Jessica Ogunnorin finished with nine points and eight rebounds in her final game in a Seawolves uniform.

The game stayed neck and neck until late in the second half, when the Saints used a 9-0 run to extend a one-point advantage into a double-digit one, 49-39, with 4:06 to go.

The Seawolves were able to cut the lead to seven, and when it looked like the team was gaining some momentum, Tehresa Coles rebounded her own miss and put it back home with just over two minutes to play and making it a nine-point Saints advantage.

Neither team was able to shoot the ball well from the field, with Siena shooting 34.4 percent from the field and Stony Brook shooting at a 31.4 percent clip.

Caroline McCombs' squad accepted an invitation to participate in the WBI, after being upset by the sixth-seed UMBC Retrievers in Quarterfinals of the America East Tournament.

The Seawolves finished the season 17-14, losing their final three matchups.

Siena moved onto the second round of the WBI to take on Xavier, which finished 20-12 on the season.

Stony Brook fell in its second-straight postseason game, falling to Michigan in last year's Women's National Invitational Tournament.